



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

February 7, 2003

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 07-Feb-03 average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Midwest	Southeast	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	72.00	66.00	73.50	73.00	71.19
Last week	76.00	73.00	79.50	80.00	77.49

Selected Cities Large - 07-Feb-03: New York 68-72 Chicago 59-65 California 103

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 03-Feb-03 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	124.2	307.3	129.8	196.4	227.6	985.3	281.4	1266.7
% change PW	7	13	24	5	14	12	4	10

Breaking Stock 07-Feb-03 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	38-43	35-40 M 36-38
Checks & Undergrades	26-31	22-32 M 23-27

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 01-Feb-03.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,131,969	25,475	11,463	6,386	2,587	4,286
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,090,348	26,315	9,700	5,416	2,681	4,164
LAST YEAR	1,033,632	22,839	10,930	5,707	2,784	3,625
% CHANGE PW	4	-3	18	18	-4	3
% CHANGE LY	10	12	5	12	-7	18
TO-DATE 2003	5,635,321	130,881	53,961	30,058	14,376	21,075
TO-DATE 2002	5,495,464	121,201	57,261	30,360	15,006	20,478
% CHANGE YTD	3	8	-6	-1	-4	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.06 **Previous Week:** 41.82 **Last Year:** 41.70

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.27 **Previous Week:** 38.00 **Last Year:** 38.19

National Liquid Eggs - 07-Feb-03 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
WHOLE	13	28.5-32	29.69	1.13
WHITES	23	15.5-21	17.46	1.29
YOLKS	11	58-63	60.05	-8.12

Pasteurized salt yolk 62.5 to 70.5 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported as too few to report.

Frozen Egg Prices - 07-Feb-03 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	38-48 M 43-46	44-48 M 44-46	50-55	49-52
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		69-85	-
Whites	26-34 M 28-29	28-34 M 28-29	32-42	32-35
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	76-82 M 77-80	76-81 M 78-81	81-87	81-84
Salted	73-77	73-77 M 73-75	77-90	77-80

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 07-Feb-03 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.63-1.90	1.70-1.80
YOLKS	1.80-2.05	1.85-1.92
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.65-2.10	1.90-2.09
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.22-1.40	1.35-1.40

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 01-Feb-03

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,579	This week	337	This week	1,916
Last week	1,746	Last week	416	Last week	2,162
Last year	2,032	Last year	374	Last year	2,406
To Date 2003	8,081	To Date 2003	1,697	To Date 2003	9,778
To Date 2002	9,107	To Date 2002	1,705	To Date 2002	10,812

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 25-Jan-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	268	0	0	268
Last year /1	99	0	0	99
To date 2003	1,047	0	44	1,091
To date 2002	947	0	0	947

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 25-Jan-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	182	43	0	225
Last year /1	107	85	40	232
To date 2003	403	132	0	535
To date 2002	239	288	208	735

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 25-Jan-03

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Last year /1	0	0	1,200	0	0	0	1,200
To date 2003	0	0	905	20	1,470	0	2,395
To date 2002	0	580	8,010	3,189	0	66	11,845

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 31-Jan-03

Total Layers on 01-Jan-03 totaled 338 million, down 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Jan-03 averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers, the same from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Jan-03 = 279.2 million, up 0% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Jan-03 averaged 72.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 0% from 02-Jan-02.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.90 billion eggs during Dec-02, down 1% from Dec-01.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Dec-02 totaled 32.2 million, up 2% from Dec-01.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 30.1 million on 01-Jan-03, down 4% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 187,000 during Dec-02, down 9% from Dec-01.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Jan-03 = 261.7 million, down 1% from 02-Jan-02.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Jan-03 = 69.8, up 0% from 02-Jan-02.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Jan-03 were 4.3%, up 8% from those in molt on 02-Jan-02.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Jan-03 were 23.7, up 5% from 02-Jan-02.

Layers sold during Dec-02 totaled 13.4 million, up 6% from Dec-01.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Dec-02 were 5.5 million, up 31% from Dec-01.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Jan-03 = 85.5 million, down 6% from 02-Jan-02.

Pullets added during Dec-02 = 19.5 million, down 6% from Dec-01.

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